

Competition.

These days, when the universal make one dollar do the work of two. A false economy suggests considerations of price only, and short-sighted merchants foster the vain delusion that all low-priced goods are cheap. We do not claim the questionable distinction of selling the lowest priced goods in town, but we think the quality of our goods in any line compares favorably with any other at same price. And the steady and continued growth of our business, during the three years we have been here, testifies to the appreciation of that fact by our patrons.

Our present business has been built up on these principles, viz:

Good goods at fair prices.

All goods as represented, or your money back if you want it.

All goods marked in plain figures, and one price to everybody.

We cannot claim the best, largest or cheapest stock in town, because we don't know what our neighbors have, but we invite you to give us the opportunity to show and price our goods to you, and we think they will commend themselves to your best judgment.

The latest arrivals in our stock are:

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S PARASOLS.

DUCK SKIRTS, black and navy blue. A beautiful line of MISSES' and CHILDREN'S SHOES and SLIPPERS, of the celebrated MALONEY make—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.

MEN'S "Wear Resister" SHOES; none better, we think, at \$1.50, \$2.00 to \$3.00.

BOY'S DONGOLA SHOES, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

SILKS.

We have sold more silks this season than ever, and we think it is because they are cheaper than we have ever had them.

Note these:

24-inch China Silk, black and colors, 50c.

28-inch China Silk, black only, 80c.—Excellent quality, both.

19-inch two-toned Taffetas, 75c.

19-inch black Taffeta, 60c.

24-inch Satin Duchess, \$1.00.

24-inch black Armure, \$1.00.

Fancy Silks in great variety, and a choice line of Broadels (black) at 69, 75 and \$1.00.

Our Grocery Department is of increasing interest. Sugar has advanced some, and may go yet higher. Coffee is higher in the wholesale market; ours have not advanced. Flour is also up, but we can still supply your wants at reasonable prices. Canned Fruits and Vegetables and Evaporated Fruits of all kinds.

Main Street,
Opp. Presbyterian Church.
Phone 59.

Irwin and Co.

\$33.00

WILL BUY A NICE
BUGGY
AND A GENTEEL

Set of Harness

PIERSON'S.

Here you will find the largest and finest assortment of BUGGIES and CARRIAGES, as well as a full and complete line of HARNESS cheaper than ever offered on this market. Call and be convinced. Don't forget we have Wagons, Plows, Harrows, and Everything the Farmers Need in this Line.

Remember I have not neglected my
Grocery Department.

W. F. PIERSON.

Corner Main and Henry Streets.

LEXINGTON, VA.

Ask for our "Treaties on Stock." Free.

In addition to our
complete line of
Hardware

we are carrying all kinds of farming

Implements and Machinery.

We are agents for the following well-known machines:

Deering Harvester Co.'s {Binders, Mowers,
and Rakes.

Thomas M'f'g. Co.'s {Hay Rakes, Hay Tedders
and Disc Harrows.

American Harrow Co.'s {High-Wheel, Spring Tooth Harrow
and Cultivator combined.

In the way of Implements and Tools we have the Keystone Corn Planter, Five Tooth Cultivators, Single and Double Shovel Malta

Be sure and see us before you place an order. We can furnish you bottom prices on anything in our line. Respectfully,

The Owen Hardware Company,

(Opposite the new court house,)

LEXINGTON,

VIRGINIA.

WE HAVE NO AGENTS

but have sold direct to the consumer for 25 years at wholesale prices, saving him the dealer's profit. Ship anywhere for examination. Everything warranted. 114 styles of Vehicles. 35 styles of Harness. Top Buggies, \$20 to \$70. Buggies, \$30 to \$125. Carriages, \$40 to \$150. Wagons, \$25 to \$100. Spring-Road and Milk Wagon. Send for latest free Catalogue of all our styles.

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Best Location in the city—adjoining New City Hall and Capitol Park.
Table unsurpassed by any in the South.
American or European plans.

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PRICE \$2.25—READ ON!

No. 683, Brass Trimmed White Enamel Bedstead, made in 54, 64, 74 and 84 inch widths—length 75 inches. It has one-inch pillars, two inch brass vases and caps. This bed retails at from 5 to 6 dollars.

Buy of the maker and save the middleman's profit. Our Catalogues are mailed for the asking. Complete lines of Furniture, Draperies, Crocheries, Pictures, Mirrors, Stoves, Refrigerators, Baby Carriages, Lamps, Bedding, etc., are contained in these books. Our Lithographed Carpet Catalogue showing all goods in hand-painted colors is also free; if Carpet samples are wanted mail us 5c. in stamps. Drop a postal at once to the money savers and remember that we pay freight on all orders over a month on purchases of Carpets, Lace Curtains, Portiers and Rugs amounting to \$5 and over.

Julius Nines & Son
BALTIMORE, MD.

NEW FIRM.

Change of Place.

J. P. WELSH

Has removed his fresh meat market to the corner of Washington and Jefferson streets (old stand of D. Welsh & Co.) and has consolidated the fresh meat business with the grocery business formerly carried on by D. Welsh & Co.

The style of the new firm will be
Welsh, Deaver & Co.
Full stock of all kinds of fresh meats. The best quality and greatest variety that can be had.

SPRING LAMBS, MUTTON,
PORK, BEEF, AND VEAL.

We had spring lambs killed on the 24th of March. That was earlier than ever before in this market.

We make the best SAUSAGE in town—no adulteration in seasoning, no strings in sausage.

Will have a fine lot of cattle first of month bought of G. W. Effinger. They are the best in the country, none excepted.

Will have Dressed Chickens all the year around.

Fresh Fish and Oysters

are received daily except Monday.

We have from 8,000 to 10,000 pounds of Bacon of our own curing, and will have a nice lot of Welsh's Canned Hams on the market in a short time.

Can't forget we sell Pure Country Lard, our own make.

Our new rooms are the most convenient and best adapted in town for conducting the meat and grocery business. We have plenty of room and polite employees to wait on our customers. Call and see us.

WELSH, DEAVAR & COMPANY,
Cor Washington and Jefferson Sts.
'PHONE NO. 23.

SENT Free

to housekeepers—

Liebig COMPANY'S

Extract of Beef

Cook Book—

telling how to prepare many delicate and delicious dishes.

Address: Liebig Co., P. O. 2718, New York

TRY ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE.

A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen, nervous and hot, and get tired easy. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures swollen and aching feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pains and gives rest and comfort. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

3 FAVORITE AND MOST POPULAR

FLOWERS

PANSIES, NASTURTIUMS

SWEET PEAS, one Pkt. of each variety for only 6 cts.

Indicating the way of 1898 Catalogue and Floral Culture, 1898 G. S. Olmsted, 315 East Street St., Minneapolis, Minn.

Chickadee's English Balm

PENNYROYAL PILLS

Original and Only Genuine.

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200,000 Brick

Apply to JOHN SHERIDAN,

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WANTED—Several good families

with a number of girls to work in canning factory. The men can get land to farm, or can get work.

J. R. C. COMPANY,

Roaring Run, Botetourt County, Va.

Feb 23 1898.

Union Teachers' Agencies of America

REV. L. D. BASS, D. D., MANAGER,

Pittsburg, Pa.; Toronto, Canada; New Orleans, La.; New York, N. Y.;

Washington, D. C.; San Francisco, Cal.; Chicago, Ill.;

St. Louis, Mo., and Denver, Col.

There are thousands of positions to be filled within the next few months.

Address all applications to

UNION TEACHERS' AGENCIES, Saltburg, Pa.

July 14th

Remember the Pleasure of a Drive.

A fine carriage doubles the pleasure of driving. Interested buyers of carriages or harness can save dollars by sending for the large free catalogue of the Elkhart Carriage and Harness Mfg. Co., Elkhart, Ind.

LINE ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES.

Situated in the Pacific Ocean south-east of Hongkong.

Population, 8,000,000.

Manila is the seat of government and the resident of Governor General, appointed by Spain.

Total area, 115,528 square miles.

The group comprises 1,200 islands, of which but 408 are inhabited.

Earthquakes are frequent and hurricanes common.

Rice, sugar, hemp, tobacco, coffee and cotton are raised. Mineral products are gold, copper, iron, lead, mercury, sulphur and coal.

The Maylays form the greater part of the population, while the negroes and the Chinese inhabit the mountain regions.

Weaving and straw-hat making is carried on by the females. The chief manufacture is cigars.

Wild animals: Antelope, fox, wild cat and monkey, while most of the domestic animals common in Europe can be found on the island.

When billon or costive, eat a Casacaret, candy, cartilage, cure guaranteed, 10c. 25c.

HOW THE TIDINGS CAME.

News of the fighting at Manila, on the other side of the earth, says the New York Sun, traveled 14,311 miles, over a dozen or more cables and three or more overland wires before it reaches New York.

Very few persons, among the thousands who watch the bulletin boards these days, stop to think, when a Manila dispatch is posted, that the message was repeated over and over again, as it was sent from cable office to cable office, in the long journey from the Philippine port to the American shore.

It traveled across seas, gulfs, bays, straits, mountains, valleys and plains. But on Monday the news that Commodore Dewey was ready to bombard Manila was known in New York 35 minutes in actual time after the British operator at Manila opened his key.

SUCCESSFUL WARRIORS.

Successful war, as the Free Lance has repeatedly said, is fought by the young. Napoleon was conqueror of Italy at 27, and Alexander the Great at 33. At the beginning of the war for the Union Lincoln was 52, Grant 39, Logan 35, McPherson 33, Sheridan 31, Sherman 41, Kilpatrick 25, Custer 22, Rosecrans 42, Thomas 45, Meade 46, Stonewall Jackson 37, while R. E. Lee and J. E. Johnston were 54. Farragut, the veteran of the navy, was 60, and Wordon, the hero of the Monitor, was 43. General Miles and Commodore Schley will each be 59 this year.

COWS RESPOND TO KINDNESS.

Help in the cow stable should never be tolerated that is rough or quick-tempered. Cows love quietude. Any disturbance which excites them lessens if it does not stop the secretion of milk. It is very easy for an employe by kicking and beating a cow just before or while she is being milked to lessen her milk flow by one-half. It is really prevention of milk secretion, and the milk thus lost does not come down at any subsequent milking. Kindness and gentleness pay abundant returns in the handling of live stock.

Cascara rets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sickly, weaken or gripe.

McKinley continues to put negroes in office. In Virginia last week

a pointed a negro collector of customs at Tappahannock. With as much trouble he is having with Spain just now, it is strange that he wants trouble with the people of this State.

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MOTHER! There is no word so full of meaning and about which such tender and holy recollections cluster as that of "MOTHER"—she who watched over our helpless infancy and guided our first tottering step. Yet the life of every Expectant Mother is beset with danger and all effort should be made to avoid it.

Mother's Friend

so assists nature in the change taking place that the Expectant Mother is enabled to look forward without dread, suffering or gloomy forebodings, to the hour when she experiences the joy of Motherhood. Its use insures safety to the lives of both Mother and Child, and she is found stronger after than before confinement—in short, it "makes Childbirth natural and easy," as so many have said. Don't be persuaded to use anything but

MOTHER'S FRIEND

"My wife suffered more in ten minutes with either of her other two children than she did altogether with her last, having previously used four bottles of 'Mother's Friend.' It is a blessing to any one expecting to become a MOTHER," says a customer. HANDBRAN DALL, Carmi, Illinois.

Of Druggists at \$1.00, or sent by express on receipt of price. Write for book containing testimonials and valuable information for all Mothers. Free. The Bradford-Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

A WAUWINET WOOING;

Miss Leila Hamilton was the chief stenographer in the banking office of Harrison Bro., State street, Boston. She directed the feeding of six other typewriting machines, and she kept her subordinates busy from morning until afternoon.

Miss Hamilton was not only invaluable to her employers. She was also of great use to her sex, in whose emancipation she was most vitally concerned.

Miss Hamilton was, in fact, a fair specimen of the "new woman." Her great ambition was to see woman, in the full possession of the ballot, rising on great billows of reform until all the sins of wicked men were swept away in one great tidal wave of female votes.

But Miss Hamilton was a very attractive young woman. She possessed large and lustrous blue eyes, which looked steadily and straight into the eyes of others and gave birth to new sensations in the hearts of the wicked men.

In short, Miss Hamilton had all the appearance of being a pretty, happy, guileless chorus girl while she was at heart a combination of Miss Susan B. Anthony and Dr. Mary Walker.

"This year, when my summer vacation comes," she told one of her colleagues. "I am going somewhere where I can rest and where I won't be troubled by men. I have discovered an ideal place at Wauwinet, on Nantucket. It's a little neck of land, and on one side is the surf and on the other the still water. It is out of the terrible rush, and there are a great many women there, and as far as I know not one single man. If that is not a paradise, I do not know what is."

Thus it happened that Miss Hamilton landed at Wauwinet, where she peacefully established herself for three weeks of uninterrupted rest. Miss Hamilton was greeted by a little bery of woman who wore spectacles, had little red noses at the ends of their noses and were plain in their dress and in general strict in their appearance.

"We are glad you have come," they exclaimed in a chorus, "and it is so nice to have one so young and girlish looking interested in the great cause!"

Miss Hamilton had made only one mistake in the catalogue of the advantages of Wauwinet. As it happened there was a fine old mansion, which had been recently purchased by a party of bachelors from New York city. Here they had established themselves for their first season. Thus it happened that there were really 20 single men instead of none at all when Miss Hamilton made her first appearance.

Miss Hamilton rose early after a fine night's rest. She enjoyed with equal zest her breakfast. Then she started out for a ramble along